



## Request for Transfer from the Reserve Fund

Date September 28, 2021

Finance Committee  
Town of West Tisbury

Dear Committee Members,

Request is hereby made for the following transfer from the Reserve Fund in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6, of the Massachusetts General Laws.

1. Amount requested: \$ 2,000
2. To be transferred to: Article # 21 of the May 18, 2021 annual town meeting  
(Name of Appropriation)
3. Present balance in said appropriation: \$ \$1,500 (3,350-1400=1850)
4. The amount requested will be used for: (give specific purpose):

The purpose of this request is to cover the unexpected expenses associated with the need for Solitude Lake Management, the company hired to do a project to remove an invasive plant called Parrot Feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*) from Town Cove. Unfortunately, the planned means of access to Town Cove proved too difficult because of the location and a too low water level, without a specific piece of equipment called a marsh tracker. Access from the shore line is not possible due to lack of vehicular or foot access over private property.

5. This expenditure is extraordinary and/or unforeseen for the following reasons:

This project had to be timed to coincide with the opening and closing of Tisbury Great Pond. The pond was opened on or about September 11 and only Mother Nature knows when it will close. Work in Pear Tree Cove was started on September 21<sup>st</sup> and completed on September 22, but Pond conditions did not allow the crew to do the work in Town Cove, so they need to come back to the island. Failure to complete this project by early October will mean another growing season and additional spread of this invasive plant making the cost greater if it has to wait until the pond is open in the summer of 2022. Aside from the complicated logistics of this project, scheduling the work has been further complicated by the difficulty securing boat reservations. The company needs to return to complete this work this year before the pond closes and the temperatures are too cold. They have made boat reservations to come back to the island on the morning of October 5.

In addition, the original appropriation included the cost of the disposal of the plants at the Dukes County Refuse District. To date the expense has been \$129.98. There is no way to calculate the number of bags the material will generate. Rather than pay this

expense out of the Conservation Commission budget, some money has been included to cover the cost of disposing the material to be pulled from Town Cove.

Your prompt consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

West Tisbury Conservation Commission

DocuSigned by:  
*Whit Griswold*  
Whit Griswold, Chair

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**Action of Finance Committee**

Date of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Number present and voting: \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer voted in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer disapproved [  ]

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Chairman, Finance Committee

**REQUEST MUST BE MADE AND TRANSFER VOTED BEFORE ANY EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATION IS INCURRED**